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State Commander

“Putting Our Veterans and Their Families First”

Comrades Brothers and Sisters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary;

Here we are in 2018 already. Hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Years, got to spend time with your families and loved ones. It has been very busy and exciting so far. Membership is going pretty well. We are at 92% and still building on more new, continuous, and reinstate members. They are out there we just have to keep working toward our goal of 100%. I believe it is attainable. The Membership Sporting Challenge

that CIC Harman, has put us on, we want to win. Why you ask ? Because your Department Commander and Quartermaster would look terrible in a Georgia sports shirt. (Atlanta Falcons). So lets all of us keep working on Membership, it is “Our Life Line”.

We had a fantastic Mid Winter Council of Administration and Conference meeting. It was productive and a lot of good information was given to our members. State Jr. Vice Hursey gave a good presentation on the new web site, covering how to get in and roam the site for information and how to do reports.

The VOD Banquet was a great success. Everyone enjoyed meeting the young people who participated in the program. Congratulations to all of them !!

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

1st Place – Morgan Wilcox, Post 10552 Shawnee – District 2

2nd Place – Madeleine Wiltse, Post 3147 LaCrosse – District 7

3rd Place – Katherine Evert, Post 2715 McPherson – District 5

Patriots Pen winners received their checks, and were announced at the banquet. Congratulations !!

PATRIOT'S PEN

1st Place – Braydon Hays, Post 6240 – District 4

2nd Place – Brooke Boyce, Post 7625 Medicine Lodge – District 5

3rd Place – Aidan Barnes, Post 1133 Goodland – District 6

The VFW was in the House at the Legislative Reception in Topeka and the following day at the House Veterans and Military Meeting at the Capital, we made a good show of support for the VFW. District Mid Winter conferences **have started. A good source of in formation is to attend these meetings. That's what comradeship is all about,** sharing ideas and information, and enjoying each others company. Spring Conventions are coming up, time for **election of new District and Post officers. Let's all get out there and help to keep the VFW going. Just around the** corner is our Department Convention, Wichita, Ks, June 15-17, and National Convention is in Kansas City, Mo, July 20-25, hopefully we will see you there. It is in our backyard.

A big shout out to our Headquarters staff and the Convention Corporation. They did a heck of a great job, again. **Had a couple of hick ups, but they worked right through them like they didn't even exist. What a “GOOD CREW”.** Thank you very much for all you do for the Kansas VFW!!!!

Work on Membership, Membership, Membership!!

Remember “No One Does More for Veterans”

Wear RED on Fridays “REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED”

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael B Holland
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State Sr. Vice Commander

Dear Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

Membership, Membership, Membership: **The Department of Kansas goal is ours, It's Not Mine, It's Not Yours Comrades but it will take "ALL HANDS ON DECK" to get it accomplished.**

Throughout my travels and talking with Comrades there are some issues that can and are effecting the future of the VFW. Image is an issue. If your Post is a bar with a handful of members sitting on a stool nursing a drink and telling war stories, then your Post has the image of the Past. The Post with a Strong Future is Smoke Free and Family Oriented, successful with all the VFW Programs

and works well with the Auxiliary and holds Community Events.

The Election of Officer's and Chairpersons is another issue. The Oath and Obligation is their word to support the Officers and Chairpersons they have accepted. **This being said, the Officer's and Chairpersons MUST WORK TOGETHER to resolve problems, of the VFW and Auxiliary.**

WE HAVE A CHAIN OF COMMAND: If there is a problem at the Post Level all efforts should be made to resolve it at the Post before going to the District or Department Headquarters. At NO TIME should a Post Level issue go to National Headquarters, they will immediately send it back to Department Headquarters. Not utilizing the Chain of Command all you have done is embarrass yourself, the Post, District and Department. The Department will use the Chain of Command in reverse, District before Post Level.

Commanders, if you receive information regarding up-coming events, programs that will help Veterans you are obligated to forward that information, even if it does not pertain to you. Encourage your membership to sign up for Action Corp. Weekly, Download the Department Bulletin. Keep Department informed of your successes, submit your reports and inform us of events so Department can support you. All of these are important in order to be successful.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE VFW AND AUXILIARY = TEAM WORK AND THAT WILL EQUAL "SUCCESS". AS YOUR SR. VICE COMMANDER "TEAM KANSAS" WILL ALWAYS BE A SUCCESS...

Thank You for Everything YOU Do and Remember: "I CAN'T HELP YOU IF YOU DON'T ASK".

Patrick M. Briggs
State Senior Vice Commander
Department of Kansas



State Jr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

I want to thank everyone who attended my presentation on the new Department website at the Mid-Winter Conference. I hope the presentation was informative and useful for you to learn to navigate around and through the website.

Please do not use the old website for reporting your Community Service now that we are live with the new one, for that old site is going away soon. We are now using the new website (vfwks.org) for reporting. Instructions for reporting are under the headline (Programs) then click on (Community Service) there you will find a Power Point presentation to walk you through the process. If by chance you do not have Power Point capabilities on your computer you can down load Open Office free of

charge from the internet. Presently we are not able to attach documentation to our reports at this time but down the road in the future it should be available to do so, the National webmaster is aware of our need for it.

Comrades I know we are doing the work out there in helping our Community, our Veterans, and our Youth, but also what we are doing is failing to report our activities to our Post Chairman. Make a note of your time, mileage, monies donated, and any other information and give it to your chairman so it can be reported.

I'm here working for you. If you have any concerns, questions, ideas, or anything else that comes to mind please contact me at any time.

Lee Hursey
State Jr. Vice Commander





State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

At this time, we still have several Posts that are not bonded, and several more that are delinquent in multiple audits. A question that comes to mind was discussed at the recent Department Mid-Winter Conference. Several District Commanders were reporting that all of the Posts in their District were inspected, but, at the same time some of the Posts in those Districts were not bonded and several were missing audits. It is obvious that the Officers of the Department of Kansas did not do an adequate job teaching District Commanders and their Inspectors all of their responsibilities at the Department Mid-Summer School of Instruction held in August at Parsons. I have to share much of that blame myself, but, it will be rectified in the future. For a Post to be properly inspected, the Post should show proof of bond, proof of audits, pay District per capita tax, and show proof of Post By-Laws, proof of Incorporation and that the Incorporation is up to date, and to show that Poppies have been purchased for the current year.

As a side note, Posts do not have to Bond through the VFW/Tallman Insurance. They can be bonded by an outside Company, but, they must show proof that they are bonded and we need a copy of that proof at Kansas VFW Hq.

Also, remember to make sure that your Post is on track to be eligible for All State recognition. Most of the Programs have been completed and make sure you keep your Community Service and Surgeon reports current! Plus, do not forget the number one qualifier for All State is your Post must be at least 100 per cent in membership if not higher. If you have any question as to whether your Post has completed all of the requirements, call the Qm at Hq, as he tracks the Posts and what they have and have not completed. Remember, all requirements with the exception of membership MUST be completed by March 31, 2018! As for membership, June 30, 2018 is the final date to be 100%, but that may be too late if all of the slots are filled.

The employees at Kansas VFW headquarters work for you! If you are having trouble with programs, audits, or other problems pertaining to the VFW, contact us and we will do our best to assist you.

In Comradeship
Herb Schwartzkopf

2018 State Legislative Bulletin Report

Comrades:

This is the time of year that the Department of Kansas VFW needs you to be ready to contact your State Representative or Senator, when we send out emails informing you of bills that need the support of the Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Your Kansas VFW Officers and Service Officers represented the Department of Kansas VFW at the American Legion Legislative meeting and party and made a solid impact on the Kansas Legislators they visited with!

Several Kansas VFW Officers and members have been attending the Kansas House Veterans and Military Committee meetings that occur every Tuesday and Thursday at the Kansas Capital. Bills of importance to Veterans that have passed through committee include Veterans Organizations share of the Kansas Lottery income and Reimbursement to Native American Veterans for improperly with-holding State Income Tax from their military earnings while deployed. **There has also been a lot of discussion on the addition of Veteran's Homes in Northeast and Northwest Kansas.**

Make sure that you attend town hall meetings held by State Legislators and U.S Senators and Representatives. Make sure you take time to introduce yourself before or after the meeting so they know you personally and yes, "Wear your VFW cover", so they know whom you represent. Remember, it is your right to disagree, but do so respectfully!

In Comradeship
Herb Schwartzkopf





State Chaplain

Fellow Kansan VFW members and Auxiliary members,

I pray this note finds you all doing well and I offer a special prayer for those sick, grieving and hurting. May the following Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi be your prayer as well as mine: **“Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; and be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”** May God richly fill you with the attitude of this prayer.

Chaplain Jim



State Inspector

Comrades,

It's been a very good year so far, Inspections are at 100% and have been turned in to the Department the earliest in years. Audits are being turned on time, and Districts are helping Posts catch up with late audits, some two or three years late. Teamwork like this is noticed and appreciated.

As a reminder Posts considering All State Status 5 points can be earned by having Audits at Department by the 10th of April. Also Election Reports are due promptly after Post Elections.

KEN ALLRED
State Inspector

Message from State Veterans Service Officer David Kennedy

Requesting, VFW members, to keep looking for Vietnam Veterans, who have never filed a claim. We still see Veterans who have worked their whole lives, retired and never set foot in the VA. Many say I was not injured and the other guy needs the money, while that is honorable, they will not take money away from the other veteran. Also tell the veteran widows, they should check with us and see if they qualify for any survivor benefits.

New VA Appeals Program: Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP)

Some of you, who have filed appeals with the VA, will receive letters, offering you a new appeals program. You will be given 3 choices to speed up the appeals process.

1. Supplemental claim: This requires new evidence. Very few veterans have new and relevant evidence and the VA decides what is “new evidence and relevant”, not the veteran. Doctor's statement or spouse statement may, or may not be accepted. More often than not we see VA letters stating, “While you have submitted new evidence it is not considered relevant to the case.” So this path is not recommended. In the past, we could always request a Supplemental decision with new evidence, so there is really nothing new.
2. Higher Level Review: With a HLR, you can request a face to face hearing with someone who makes decisions. I would always recommend this path because the VSO and the Veteran can point out things that can be lost in just a file review. The VSO goes with you into the hearing. The only drawback is, you cannot submit any new evidence to a HLR. To me, this just the old DRO hearing, the VA has just changed the name.
3. Or to do nothing and stay on the current, old appeal process. The VA will state that, to stay with the old appeals program, will delay the VA's decision 3-6 years. The VA is hoping that with this threat, you will change to choice 1 or 2 and they can start to whittle down of their backlog of appeals.

What has really changed? The local Regional Office has lost control of their appeals teams and they answer only to the National Appeals team in Washington DC, and will be controlled by the National Work Queue (NWQ) that assigns work to the VA employees nationwide. With computers, location is no longer a consideration on who works your appeal. No one knows who controls the NWQ, so I can only guess, Artificial Intelligence (AI).





State Judge Advocate

Comrades,

As you know we just completed our Mid Winter C of A and Conference. We did have I think some very important and pertinent info put out about our V.A.s and VCAP programs in the state of Kansas. All of our programs seem to be headed in the right direction for a successful year.

THE Main and always first program is MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP. without THIS we will not be able to continue to help the veterans of this state and nation in the way they deserve and have earned by their selfness in serving this nation. Whether at war or peace time.

Congrats to all of the students across the state that chose to participate in the VOD and PP this year. There needs to be more if possible. I truly believe that every post in the state should have at least one in each program.

I also believe that if we put a little more effort into it every post could have and entrant in all of our programs. I have often heard well I live in a small town and we don't have a police dept or a full time fire dept. To that I say somebody is watching over that community as a non paid police officer or volunteer firefighter.

In the case of educators go to the school board or the principal or super of the schools in your district and ask for their help in nominating someone for the teachers award. I know teacher really don't think they deserve this but where we all be without teachers.

The more conceited we are about our work in and for the VFW in aiding Veterans and selling ourselves to the public the better off we will be in convincing the younger generation of veterans into joining our ranks.

Remember that in April the elections will be held and you should attend and let your vote count toward who ever you think will lead us into the future in our quest of helping veterans of all ages and branch of service peace time combat veterans whoever.

Bob Cox
State JAQ

National Council Member

Comrades,

Even thou the weather did turn a little nasty the turn out for the Mid Winter was alright. For those of you who did attend we had a lot of good comradeship and reuniting with some comrades that we don't see often and it gives a chance to catch up.

As YOUR National Council Member from Kansas I hope that that the speech given at the banquet didn't bore you to tears. I know that at my expense everyone was having a good time in chiding me about my socks or the fact that I replaced Brian Duffy as the Rep.

When we quit having fun is the day I quit doing what I am doing to help veterans and hope everyone else has the same attitude.

On a sad note we have lost a lot of older veterans within the last few months and some family members of veterans Jeanette and I want to send our deep felt condolences to all.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Bob Cox
Ks National Council Member

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS







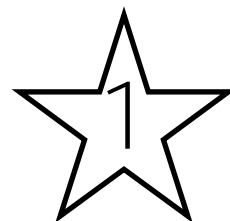
1st District Commander

Commander's and post members.

Mid-winter has come and gone by. Our next big event is spring meeting in Topeka where we will elect 2018-2019 officers. It will be on April 7th with lunch at 11:00 and district meeting at 12:00. I hope to have a big turnout. This is your district so we need everyone's input on the in-coming officers. Now I want to say a few words on an important subject: everyone is a recruiter. Membership is our future. The post already at 100% great job. See if you can reach 105%. The post close to 100% let's hit the road hard and reach 100% soon and then shoot for 103%. The posts further away from 100% let's just reach a 100% or as close as you can get.

Remember: membership, membership, membership. Eisenhower Vigil depends on our membership. I plan to run for your state surgeon position so I would appreciate everyone's vote. If anyone has any question please feel free to call, e-mail or text me. I will respond within 24 hours to let you know I received your message. If I don't have an answer at that time I will tell you when I call you and I will get the answer as soon as possible. Thank you for all the hard work you all do.

Larry Albright
District 1 Commander



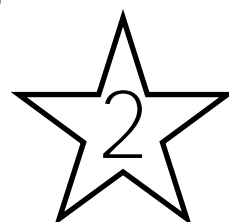
2nd District Commander

Comrades,

We had a good showing at Department Mid-Winter in Topeka. Thank you to those who took time out of their personal life and busy schedule to attend. A lot was accomplished and communicated. The **banquet was not just great but it was outstanding. Why was it outstanding you ask! Well, that's because our very own district 2 VOD winner, Morgan Wilcox, was announced as the State VOD Winner!** Congratulations to this fine young lady and to Shawnee Mission Post 10552 for sponsoring her. I also

recently received word that our District 2 Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) entry won the State LEO award. Congratulations to Captain Michael Howell and KCK Post 111 for sponsoring him. We just turned the corner but still **have half the year left to do great things. Remember, membership is year round so let's continue to work towards 100%.** I would like to thank you all for what you do every day and look forward to a great rest of the year.

Dave Cuba
District 2 Commander



3rd District Commander

As your commander, I wish to thank all commanders, quartermasters and inspectors, for the work on helping to get 3rd District posts' bonds, and 990 forms, turned in to department before the deadline. Also I still wish to push team Kansas on membership. To help keep the state commander out of a Atlantic Falcon jersey. **Membership is everyone's business, not just the senior vice, junior vice, and commander. (It's everyone's business),** we are losing old members daily in Kansas. We needed to find ways to get the younger veterans to join us, for the members we still have we need to visit, call or write to members who have let their membership expire, or about to expire.

Also our next district meeting in January and April we need to think about the upcoming election. Think about taking a position, as we will have positions to fill. Either by election or appointment. Thank you for your service to this country of ours.

Henry A. Gatewood Jr.
Commander
3rd District





4th District Commander

Hello TEAM KANSAS

We hope that everyone had a great Christmas and New Years. As we all get into the 2018 may this be a great year for TEAM KANSAS.

What a great Department Mid Winter Conference we had in Topeka. Thank you to the Convention Corporation and Department HQ personnel for all the hard work you do.

I want to take time to recognize our District Winners from all of our programs that have currently finished:

EMT of Year – Steve Boltin, Russell, Post 6240

LEO of the Year – Det. Richard Deutsch, Riley County PD, Manhattan, Post 1786

FF of the Year – Ken Staatz, Fire Chief, Herington, Post 1281

Voice of Democracy – Laura Meyer, Concordia, sponsored by Beloit, Post 6242

Patriot's Pen – Braydon Hays, Russell, Post 6240

Teacher of the year – Julie Bernard, K-5, Russell, Post 6240

THANK YOU to all the Posts in 4th District for working hard at helping the Veterans, their families and each Community. Without your hard work we would not be able to ensure that our Veterans are being taken care of. I know that we will finish the 2017-2018 year strong as we continue to work as a TEAM.

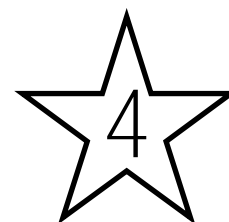
Congratulations to Marion Post 6958 for reaching 100% membership. We are doing great as a District in Membership. We will finish with 100% before the year is over.

We have some District Officers running for Department Officer and would like to have the support from TEAM Kansas Dave Ebersole, Herington, Post 1281, current Dept Surgeon is running again for the 2018-2019 year.

Todd Hokanson, Abilene, Post 3279, District 4 Commander is running for your Dept Jr. Vice Commander for the 2018-2019 year.

We want everyone to continue to be safe driving during the bad weather that we will still have this winter and spring. Stay healthy.

God Bless,
Todd Hokanson
4th District Commander



5th District Commander

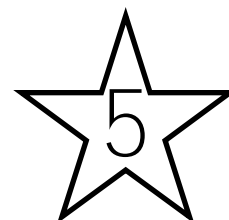
Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

We had a great turn out at our District Mid-Winter meeting. There were 56 in attendance and that is the most we have had in a long time. We were also honored to have Commander Michael Holland, Sr. Vice Pat Briggs and Jr. Vice Lee Hursey at our meeting, that in its self is a rarity at a District meeting.

With most of the programs done for the year our focus needs to shift to Membership. We as a District are currently at 92.49% in Membership. Last year at this time we were at 95.03%.

We have several Posts still in the running for "All State" however the 2 main factors they are deficient in are Membership and or Buddy Poppies. If you need help with Membership let me or one of our line officers know. We are here to help.

In Comradeship,
Terry Fletcher
5th District Commander





KPTS honors WestSide veterans

On Thursday, Nov. 9, KPTS Channel 8 recognized four outstanding veterans and one local business that serves veterans at its "Veterans Coming Home Event: A Banquet Honoring our Veterans 2017."

"It is inspiring for KPTS to host this event because this is one small way your favorite public television station is able to honor our brave men and women whose outstanding service to our nation assures us the freedoms and dignity that we as Americans enjoy today," said Victor Hogstrom, president and CEO of KPTS.

The highest award, the 2017 KPTS Robert J. Dole Distinguished Service Award, went to veteran James Denison of West Wichita. This award was given to Denison, a Kansas veteran, who has shown action and courage not only while serving the military, but also in his community.

Denison served in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft and rotary wing repair specialist during the Vietnam War, from 1966 to 1972. He was stationed in Alaska, Puerto Rico, Guam and Vietnam.

He served six years in the Kansas Army National Guard and was named Soldier of the Year in 1978. Denison went on to become a leader in the VFW, both at his local post and at the state level. As POW-MIA chairman, Denison worked to bring closure to families of soldiers captured or missing in Vietnam. He also has headed up efforts to help homeless vets, helped establish the Wichita Area Vietnam Veterans Association in 1988, and he organized the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in 2016.

Three 2017 KPTS Distinguished Veterans Coming Home Service Awards were given to worthy Kansas veterans who both served their country and serve in their communities: Steve Gonzales of West Wichita, Gary Rogers of Augusta, and Barbara Bulger of Derby.

Steve Gonzales, of West Wichita, enlisted in the Air Force in 1965. He became an administrative specialist and later was assigned to McConnell Air Force Base. In 1968, he was assigned to Danang Air Force Base in Vietnam, where his aircraft came under fire



KPTS recently honored several local veterans, including two West Wichita veterans and a WestSide business. TOP: James Denison was named the 2017 KPTS Robert J. Dole Distinguished Service Award. He is pictured with U.S. Rep. Ron Estes and Wichita television personality Sierra Scott. ABOVE: WestSider Steve Gonzales was a Distinguished Veterans Coming Home Service Award recipient. Contributed photos

immediately upon arrival. He served there as a base locator and an augmentee for the 366th Security Police Squadron, became a staff sergeant and served there until coming home a year later. Soon after Vietnam, Gonzales began a career with the United States Post Office as an administrator and network coordinator,

retiring in 1992. In 1995, he started a second career with Starkey Inc., as a job development specialist and marketer. In 2015, he joined the Alpha One Drop Zone team, helping coordinate events involving veterans and veteran organizations. He is also active in his church, serving as a lector, usher and committee

person.

Gary Rogers, of Augusta, served in the Navy Reserve in the Wichita Navy Rescue Center. He served on the USS Port, the USS Norton Sound and the USS Maddox. He has been a volunteer logistics manager on the Butler County Emergency Response Team. He facilitates a bicycle recycling program with the Lansing Correctional Facility, then distributes the reconditioned bicycles to families in need. Rogers helped restart a Government Day in Butler County to help educate youth about government operations and its impact. He is also a member of the City of Augusta Street Sales Tax Advisory Committee.

Barbara Bulger, of Derby, was facing a second divorce and was 15,000 miles away from her family when she entered the Air Force in 1977. She served one tour of duty in Germany and then came home to Derby to retire. However, she couldn't stay away and re-enlisted in 2001 to support the flight crews in the Iraq War and remained on active duty at McConnell when she returned. Her total years of military service as a medical service craftsman and in outpatient management adds up to more than 24 years. She has received six Air Force Commendation Medals for her service. In addition to her military service, Bulger volunteers at the Derby Senior Center, serves as Vice Commander for the Scottish American Military Post 1854, volunteers for the Derby Community Foundation and volunteers for events in Derby and Mulvane.

The final award given was the 2017 KPTS Distinguished Veterans Coming Home Business Award. This award is given each year to a business that exemplifies honor and dedication to not only the community as a whole but also to our local veterans' community, creating event opportunities for them to participate. Whether it's for purchasing army and navy gear or sharing stories of service at local schools, or sponsoring a veterans' appreciation dance at the Cotillion, this business is active and engaged in our veterans' community. This year's award recipient was Brad Yates and Alpha One Drop Zone, a WestSide business.

JAMES DENISON & STEVE GONZALES — MEMBERS OF VFW 3115 WICHITA

Continued prayers for all comrades
and auxiliary we have lost and
to all Comrades deployed





**VFW Sponsored
Legislative Update:
State Senator Tom Holland
& State Representative Jim Karleskint
Saturday, 17 February
beginning at 9:00 AM.
VFW Post at 910 E 1st St**



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
2018 CONVENTION
JUNE 15-17 - WICHITA, KANSAS

YOU MUST TELEPHONE
THE MOTEL LISTED BELOW FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

(Please state this is for the VFW Department Convention to receive our group rates)

***** RESERVATIONS DEADLINE MAY 31, 2018 *****

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2018 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS V.F.W. CONVENTION - JUNE 15-17 - WICHITA, KS

PRE-REGISTRATION & TICKETS **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 28, 2018**

PLEASE REGISTER BY COUPLE (2 WITH SAME LAST NAME) OR 1 INDIVIDUAL PER FORM

PRINT NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
Last First

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ DAY PHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

(**CIRCLE AFFILIATION**)

VFW/////AUX POST # _____ TITLE _____

SPOUSE

VFW/////AUX POST # _____ TITLE _____

PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 28TH AND SAVE \$5.00 PER PACKET ONLY - SEND \$35.00

Number of

_____ Registration	\$ 12.00
_____ Saturday Banquet	\$ 25.00
_____ Saturday Dance	\$ 3.00
_____ Packet per person	\$ 40.00

**MAIL CHECK & REQUEST TO:
DEPARTMENT OF KS, VFW
PO BOX 1008
TOPEKA, KS 66601-1008**

REFUNDS ONLY when CONFIRMED CANCELLATION with DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS by MAY 28th
NO REFUNDS FOR OVERPAYMENTS

REC HQ'S _____ PAID _____ CA/CK # _____ REG # _____



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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - VFW & AUXILIARY

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June 15-17, 2018

****TENTATIVE SCHEDULE****

Thursday, June 14, 2018

- 6:30 PM - Budget & Finance Meeting – Oak Room
- 6:30 PM - Auxiliary Audit – Elm Room

Friday, June 15, 2018

- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Registration – Lobby
- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Auxiliary Council Meeting – North Room
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AUXILIARY COUNCIL MEETING* – Auxiliary Floor Practice – North Room
- 10:00 AM - Buddy Poppy & Record Book Displays – Elm Room
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Convention Corporation Meeting – Oak Room
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Resolution Meeting – South Room
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Rules of Order Committee – South Room
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - VFW Council Meeting – South Room
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch – On your own
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - VFW Business Meeting – South Room
 - (a) Assign Resolutions - Time & Place for meetings
 - (b) Introductions of guests
 - (c) Nomination of Officers
 - (d) Candidates Forum
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BUSINESS MEETING* - Veterans Service Meeting – South Room
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Auxiliary Business Meeting – North Room
 - (a) Auxiliary Credentials
 - (b) Opening Ceremony
 - (c) Nomination of Officers
 - (d) Candidates Forum
- 5:00 PM - Hospital Workshop – North Room
- 6:00 PM - VFW District Caucuses – District Commander's Choice
- 6:30 PM - Past State Auxiliary Presidents Dinner – Oak Room
- 8:00 PM - Post 8957 Open

Saturday, June 16, 2018

- 8:00 AM - Memorial Service - VFW & Auxiliary – South Room
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Registration – Lobby
- 8:00 AM - Buddy Poppy & Record Book on Display by 12:00 Noon – Elm Room
- 9:00 AM - Auxiliary Business Meeting – North Room
 - (a) Business Meeting Reconvenes
 - (b) Committee Reports
- 9:00 AM - VFW Business Meeting – South Room
 - (a) Committee Reports
 - (b) Introduction of guests
- 11:30 AM - Past State Commanders Luncheon – Center Room
- 11:30 AM - Past Auxiliary Presidents Luncheon – Oak Room
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch – On your own
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Auxiliary Business Meeting – North Room
 - (a) Committee Reports Resume
 - (b) Nomination of Officers
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - VFW Business Meeting – South Room
 - (a) Other unfinished business
 - (b) Nomination of Officers
- 3:00 PM - Awards – South Room
- 6:30 PM - Convention Banquet – Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 PM - Dance –

Sunday, June 17, 2018

- 7:30 AM - Past Commanders Club Breakfast – Center Room
- 9:00 AM - Closing of Auxiliary Credentials – North Room
- 9:00 AM - VFW Business Meeting – South Room
 - (a) Nomination, Election & Installation of Officers
- 9:15 AM - Auxiliary Business Meeting – North Room
 - (a) Nomination, Election & Installation of Officers
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INSTALLATION OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS*
 - Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting – North Room
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INSTALLATION OF VFW OFFICERS*
 - Endowment Association Meeting – Oak
- 11:00 AM - Convention Corporation Meeting – South Room
- 11:00 AM - Lunch – on your own
- 12:00 PM - VFW Department Council of Administration & Luncheon – Elm Room



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Kristi Meid
Department Sr Vice President
Dept of KS VFW Auxiliary

STATE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

HAPPY VALENTINE'S!!!

Where has this year gone? We have so much more to do before we start our new year.

Mid-Winter is behind us now so we all are looking forward to our upcoming elections. All positions are very important on all levels so be ready to step up and take a position or **chairmanship to help support our Veteran's and their families. We have another report** due by March 31st to all of the District and Department Chairman so please be working on them so you may get them turned in and we all can be 100% reporting. The deadline is very important since we will be having our District meetings in April. The Chairman need time to decide who their awards will be given to. Good Luck!

PLEASE respond to any of the VFW Legislative Alerts. The Washington D.C. Legislative **hearings are coming up and even if you can't be there you can hear them live on the VFW**

website.

The Voice of Democracy winner was a wonderful young lady that knows how to WOW a crowd. All of the state winners make us very proud of the programs we offer. We pray they will become our future VFW and **Auxiliary members to keep this great organization going. We need to continue supporting our Veteran's and their families in every way we can.**

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Department Convention in Wichita in June! Get your reservations in early.

Gail Vance

Department VFW Auxiliary Jr. Vice President

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Our mission is very simple. We foster camaraderie among United States veterans of conflicts overseas, we serve our veterans, the military, and the communities, and we advocate on behalf of all veterans. We ensure that veterans are respected for their service, receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for their sacrifices that they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Our core values are to put the interests of our members first, to treat donors as partners in our cause. We promote patriotism, honor military service, and ensure the care of veterans and their families, and serve in our communities. We always promote a positive image of the VFW and respect the diversity of veteran opinions.



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